GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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IMPORT OF CURRENCY PRINTING PAPER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of currency printing paper imported during each of the last three years;

(b) the name of the country and company from whom the import has been made;

(c) whether the standard of the currency paper has been changed during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons therefor ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance & Company Affairs (SHRI ANANDRAO V.ADSUL

(a) The details of Currency Printing Paper imported in the last three years are as follows:-

Year	Quantity (In Metric Tonnes)
2000-2001	8544
2001-2002	2162
2002-2003	1090

(b): The names of the companies and the countries from whom currency note paper has been imported as above in the last 3 years are as follows:-

(i) M/s Arjo Wiggins, France.

(ii) M/s AB Tumba Bruk, Sweden (Now M/s Crane AB)

(iii) M/s Portals, UK.

(iv) M/s VHP Security Papermill, Netherlands.

(v) M/s National Bank of Ukraine, Ukraine.

(vi) M/s Papierfabrik Louisenthal, Germany.

(c), (d) & (e): In order to increase the stiffness the thickness and GSM (grammage per sq.mtr) in the bank note paper of Rs.1000/- was slightly increased.